



Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30p

Location: Zoom

Minutes

Attending: Stewart Ikeda, Steve Poltorzycki, Lidia Kenig-Scher, Nicole Cuff, Beth Locke, Christine Noah

Absent: Brian McMurray, Cristin Canterbury Bagnall, Tom Formicola, Sarah Morgan-Wu

Guests: Laura Hanrahan, Cecily Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

SECRETARY UPDATE

Minutes & Secretary

Updates: **Community Engagement**

Drake Village, housing for seniors. Adria helped them get grant years ago. Wants to make a gathering space in a neglected area of complex. Mosaic workshops towards creating a mural, terrace landscaping projects to enliven community room space and grounds. David Fichter, Artist, collaborator from Mystic River Mural Project Somerville. Will give artist talk.

Climate Futures and Parks Commission. Approved placing signs as a trial after a wonderful and persuasive presentation by the student interns.

Climate Futures Walking Tour. Tom Starr will lead a tour sometime in June. It would be great if we can record and make it available online.

Black Joy Project. Started new Google Group to discuss future activities of interest. Two artists associated with the project will exhibit at the Roasted Granola since RepHairations will be closing on Juneteenth. ACAC will work with Jililan Harvey's office on Juneteenth event.

Spring festival on June 10 in the Heights. Two plein air artists will be on hand, supported by Apothca. Poet Laureate will also be on-hand and do a poem reading.

ACMI will do a program about local businesses intersecting with art, such as Roasted Granola.

Updates: **Chair Updates**

Seeking clarification of insurance question raised by Ed Blundell

[CELC 3.0 Partnership](#): Any interest in participating in their library of webinars? Go at your own pace online course, Unit 1 focuses on Examining Self & Unit 2 focuses on Examining Systems in building equity.

Discussion: **Year 3 Review, Strategic Planning, & Future 3-Year Goals**

We're at end of 3-year plan, adjusted once for COVID; product of a retreat; needs year 3 review as we begin another multiyear planning process with all-new participants, including the 2025/2026 250th. [Strategic Plan](#) | [ACAC Operations Plan](#) | [Sample Year 2 Assessment](#) ; think strategically about who to invite to join. Review all of our "Signature [events](#)" to aid in future planning.

New Business

Menotomy 250 planning is underway; there will be cultural commemorations here and in collaborative regional projects including an expansion of the Climate Futures projects and more. All committees should consider relevant 250th angles to their long-range programming.

Meeting adjourns at 8:43

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 1 from 7:00-8:30p